THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Archeological Survey of India has submitted nominations to the UNESCO for inclusion of the following historic sites in the World Heritage List:

1. Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal
2. Alchi Monastery, Leh, Ladakh, J & K
3. Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
4. Harappan site, Dholavira, Kutch, Gujarat
5. Rani-ki-Vav, Patan, Gujarat
6. Mattenchery Palace, Ernakulam, Kerala
7. Tomb of Sher Shah Suri, Sasaram, Bihar
8. Pre-historic Rock Shelters and Caves with painting at Bhimbetka, Madhya Pradesh
9. Fort Complex, Mandu, Madhya Pradesh
10. Ancient Buddhist site, Sarnath, Varanasi, U.P.
11. Hemis Monastery, Leh, Ladakh, J & K

These proposals submitted to UNESCO have not been rejected. World Heritage Committee of UNESCO has advised reformulation of the proposals in a revised format with additional information. Preparatory assistance is forthcoming from the UNESCO for this purpose.

Hike in the Entry Fee of Taj

1268. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 12th January, 2000 under the caption "Taj entry fee hike elicits protests";

(b) if so, Governments' reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government anticipate a decline in the rate of foreign tourists visit to Taj as a result of this hike and if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the hike in entry fees to the Taj Mahal by the Agra Development Authority.

(c) At the present juncture any specutation in this regard would be premature.

Heroine Manufacture in Delhi

1269. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Narcotics Central Bureau (NCB) had unearthed a racket of highly refined Heroine, being manufactured in small laboratories in several areas of NCT-Delhi;

(b) whether any such centre that produces Heroine has been raided so far; and has anybody been punished; and

(c) what steps are being proposed to curb heroine cottage industry in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) had raided and unearthed two heroin manufacturing units in NCT-Delhi in November and December, 1999. Eight persons were arrested under the NDPS Act and remanded to judicial custody by the Court. One person out of these eight has also been detained under PITNDPS Act.

(c) All the drug law enforcement agencies are maintaining strict vigil to check illicit diversion/smuggling of opium and making concerted efforts to curb drug trafficking including manufacture of illicit drugs. Stringent action is taken under the NDPS Act, 1985 against persons involved.

Credit deposit ratio in NE States

1270. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of credit deposit ratio as on march 1999 in respect of N.E. States in banking sector, State-wise.

(b) the total bank deposit in N.E. States as on 31.3.99 State-wise; and

(c) the total lending in agricultural sector in Tripura during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The percentage of Credit Deposit (CD) Ratio and the amount of outstanding deposits of scheduled commercial banks of the States in North Eastern Region as on the last Friday of March, 1999 is given below: